श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकिः मुझे अपनी बात करने दीजिए ।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालियाः आपको यही पता नहीं कि यह राजा भोज का बनाया हुआ ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : अहलुवालिया जी, आप क्या बोल रहे है ।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकिः वहां पर कोई मूर्ति नहीं है ।...(व्यवधान)... आप कहीं पर भी कह सकते है ।...(व्यवधान)... इस पर गवर्नमेंट अपनी पॉलिसी साफ करे ।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : बस हो गया । ...(व्यवधान)... ठीक है , बैठिए ।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकिः आप मंत्री नहीं है , आप बैठिए । मंत्री जी को जवाब देने दीजिए । गवर्नमेंट की पॉलीसी क्या है , आप यह बताइये ।

SHRI JAGMOHAN : Sir I have already answered the main question saying that this decision has been taken keeping in view the totality of the circumstances. It has a long history. There are claims and counterclaims. The decision we have taken is keeping in view the claims and counter-claims and both the parties have practically accepted it. Government policy is very clear.

Dovetailing the India Development Initiative Fund

*449. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:†

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 686 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 2002 and state whether the Ministry has decided to dovetail the India Development Inrtiative Fund set up with a corpus of Rs. 200 crore with project export support provided by Exim Bank and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): No, Sir.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Sir, I would like to know this from the Finance Minister. What is the actual state of India Development Initiative Fund set up with Rs. 200 crore? How much money has been spent? Do you have any plan to give relief to poor countries on behalf of India?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, as announced—it is part of the total budget announcement—the total money is Rs. 200 crore at the present moment. No amount has been expended from that fund. Yes, Sir, it was announced during the Budget itself that the Government has decided to move away from the line of credit system really to a method in which it is better for India to start giving direct grants in consultation with the MEA; and we have already initiated action in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Exemption to donation from tax in Gujarat

*450. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from Government of Gujarat to extend the time-limit of exemption under 80(G) of the Income-tax Act for receipt and utilisation of donation made to the NGO's and charitable trusts for relief and rehabilitation to earthquake-affected areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been considered by Government: and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes sir.

(b) and (c) The representation is under consideration.

Facilities provided to Haj Pilgrims

* 451. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of a CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of concessions and facilities being provided to Haj Pilgrims travelling by plane;

(b) the number of Haj Pilgrims who availed this facility during this yean

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.